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To provide for the safety of journeymen boxers, and for other purposes.

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Mr. OXLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the safety of journeymen boxers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Professional Boxing
5 Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “boxer” means a person who par-
9 ticipates in a professional boxing match;

1 (2) the term “licensee” means an individual
2 who serves as a trainer, second, or cut man for a
3 professional boxer;

4 (3) the term “manager” means a person or
5 business who helps arrange professional boxing
6 matches for a boxer, and who serves as an advisor
7 or representative of a boxer in a professional capac-
8 ity;

9 (4) the term “matchmaker” means a person or
10 business that proposes, selects, and arranges the
11 boxers to participate in a professional boxing event;

12 (5) the term “professional boxing match”
13 means a boxing contest held in the United States be-
14 tween individuals for compensation or a prize, and
15 does not include any amateur boxing match;

16 (6) the term “promoter” means a person or
17 business that organizes, holds, advertises, or other-
18 wise conducts a professional boxing match; and

19 (7) the term “State boxing commission” means
20 a State agency with authority to regulate profes-
21 sional boxing.

22 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

23 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to improve and expand the system of safety
2 precautions that protects the welfare of professional
3 boxers; and

4 (2) to assist State boxing commissions to pro-
5 vide proper oversight for the professional boxing in-
6 dustry in the United States.

7 **SEC. 4. PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCHES.**

8 A professional boxing match may be held in the
9 United States only if—

10 (1)(A) the State where the professional boxing
11 match is to be held has a State boxing commission;
12 or

13 (B) the promoter who seeks to put on a boxing
14 event in a State that does not have a boxing com-
15 mission has entered into an agreement with the chief
16 administrative officer of a State that has a boxing
17 commission to oversee the match; and

18 (2) the State boxing commission has established
19 procedures to carry out sections 5, 6, and 7.

20 **SEC. 5. REGISTRATION.**

21 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Each professional boxer shall
22 register with—

23 (1) the State boxing commission of the State in
24 which such boxer resides; or

1 (2) in the case of a boxer who is a resident of
2 a foreign country, or a State in which there is no
3 State boxing commission, the State boxing commis-
4 sion of any State that has such a commission.

5 (b) IDENTIFICATION CARD.—

6 (1) ISSUANCE.—A State boxing commission
7 shall issue to each professional boxer who registers
8 in accordance with subsection (a), an identification
9 card that contains—

10 (A) a recent photograph of the boxer;

11 (B) the social security number of the boxer
12 (or, in the case of a foreign boxer, any similar
13 citizen identification number or professional
14 boxer number from the country of residence of
15 the boxer); and

16 (C) the personal identification numbers as-
17 signed to the boxer by the boxing registries cer-
18 tified by the Association of Boxing Commis-
19 sioners.

20 (2) RENEWAL.—Each professional boxer shall
21 renew his or her identification card at least once
22 every 3 years.

23 (3) PRESENTATION.—Each professional boxer
24 shall present his or her identification card to the

1 State boxing commission not later than the time of
2 the weigh-in for a professional boxing match.

3 (c) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall be construed as preventing a State from apply-
5 ing additional registration requirements.

6 **SEC. 6. REVIEW.**

7 Each State boxing commission shall establish proce-
8 dures—

9 (1) to evaluate the professional records of each
10 boxer participating in a boxing match in the State;

11 (2) to ensure that no boxer is permitted to box
12 while under suspension from any State boxing com-
13 mission due to injury or other medical-related rea-
14 son, including—

15 (A) a recent knockout, injury, or require-
16 ment for a medical procedure;

17 (B) failure of a drug test;

18 (C) poor boxing skills, or the inability to
19 safely compete; and

20 (D) the use of false aliases, or falsifying,
21 or attempts to falsify, official identification
22 cards or documents; and

23 (3) to ensure that if such commission is consid-
24 ering permitting a boxer, promoter, manager, or
25 other licensee to participate in a boxing event while

1 the individual is under suspension from any State
2 for reasons other than the reasons listed in para-
3 graph (2), such commission shall notify and consult
4 with the chief administrative officer of the State that
5 ordered the suspension prior to the grant of ap-
6 proval for such individual to participate in such box-
7 ing event.

8 **SEC. 7. REPORTING.**

9 (a) BOXING MATCH RESULTS.—Not later than 48
10 business hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after
11 the conclusion of a professional boxing match, the results
12 of such match shall be reported to the professional boxing
13 registries certified by the Association of Boxing Commis-
14 sions (ABC) and to the Florida State Athletic Commis-
15 sion.

16 (b) SUSPENSIONS.—Not later than 48 business hours
17 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after a State boxing
18 commission orders the suspension of a boxer, promoter,
19 or manager, such suspension shall be reported to the pro-
20 fessional boxing registries certified by the Association of
21 Boxing Commissions (ABC) and to the Florida State Ath-
22 letic Commission.

23 (c) ALTERNATE REPORTING ENTITY.—If the State
24 of Florida ceases, for any reason, to publish and circulate
25 a national suspension list at no cost to other States on

1 a frequent basis, the Association of Boxing Commissions
2 (ABC) shall select a different public or private entity to
3 voluntarily undertake to compile and circulate a suspen-
4 sion list to all State commissions at no cost.

5 **SEC. 8. ENFORCEMENT.**

6 (a) INJUNCTIONS.—Whenever the United States At-
7 torney in a State has reasonable cause to believe that a
8 person or entity is engaged in a violation of this Act in
9 such State, the United States Attorney may bring a civil
10 action in the appropriate district court of the United
11 States requesting such relief, including a permanent or
12 temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order,
13 against the person or entity, as the United States Attor-
14 ney determines necessary to restrain the person or entity
15 from continuing to engage in, or to sanction, a profes-
16 sional boxing match in violation of this Act.

17 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

18 (1) MANAGERS, PROMOTERS, MATCHMAKERS,
19 AND LICENSEES.—Each manager, promoter, match-
20 maker, and licensee who knowingly and willfully vio-
21 lates any provision of this Act shall be imprisoned
22 for not more than 1 year or fined more than
23 \$20,000, or both.

1 (2) BOXERS.—Any professional boxer who
2 knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this
3 Act shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

4 **SEC. 9. STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall con-
6 duct a study on the feasibility and cost of a national pen-
7 sion system for professional boxers, including potential
8 funding sources.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall sub-
11 mit a report to the Congress on the findings of the study
12 conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

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